

Remarks

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2004/019246. By this amendment, the title has been amended to more clearly reflect the present invention. The specification has further been amended to include a "Cross-Reference Section." Further, at page 24, lines 9, "(0.5 g/embryo)" has been amended to read "(0.5 pg/embryo)." This amendment corrects a typographical error in the Japanese specification and should be obvious especially when referring to the other pormotoers used in the same experiment, which are all used in picograms. Also, at page 24, line 12 "(RLluc)" has been amended to read as "(Rluc)". This amendment corrects a typographical error in the Japanese specification and should be clear from the last sentence of the same paragraph, which states "Luciferase activity was always normalized using Rluc activity."

Claims 1-17 were pending in the subject international patent application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 7, 11, 13, 15 and 16 have been amended and claims 5 and 12 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added by these claim amendments. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-17 are before the Examiner for consideration.

Please note that a complete translation of the subject application is also attached with this Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§§1.16, 1.17, or 1.492 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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